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<p>1)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>22 January 2002</u>.</p> <p>2a)<input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL. 2b)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.</p> <p>3)<input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i>, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.</p>			
Disposition of Claims			
<p>4)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-39</u> is/are pending in the application.</p> <p>4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>11-20</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.</p> <p>5)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.</p> <p>6)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-10 and 21-39</u> is/are rejected.</p> <p>7)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.</p> <p>8)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.</p>			
Application Papers			
<p>9)<input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.</p> <p>10)<input type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)<input type="checkbox"/> accepted or b)<input type="checkbox"/> objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).</p> <p>11)<input type="checkbox"/> The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a)<input type="checkbox"/> approved b)<input type="checkbox"/> disapproved by the Examiner. If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.</p> <p>12)<input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.</p>			
Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120			
<p>13)<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</p> <p>a)<input type="checkbox"/> All b)<input type="checkbox"/> Some * c)<input type="checkbox"/> None of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.<input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2.<input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____. 3.<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). <p>* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</p> <p>14)<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).</p> <p>a) <input type="checkbox"/> The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.</p> <p>15)<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.</p>			
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. This application has been filed with informal drawings, which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 21-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tokoro (U.S. Patent No. 6,349,324) in view of Baldwin et al., (U.S. patent No. 5,877,757).

As per claim 1, 3, 8, 6, 21, 34 Tokoro shows a method of communicating information between computers (In fig. 9):

A first computer unit (In fig. 9 element 311) for displaying an image, a processing unit and a communication port connects to a telephone line (In Fig. 11 element 234);

The computer unit electronically dials a telephone number associated with a second computer (element 341 In Fig. 9) unit and established a communication path (In Col. 15 lines 40-67 and in col. 5 lines 13-20);

The second computer unit pushes data and images to be displayed on the first computer unit's screen across the communication path (In Col. 12 lines 1-67 to Col. 13 1-

67); the first computer unit displays the images pushed to it across the data path and monitors the active areas for a selection action and a first computer registers the selection action in the active area and communicates the code for the active area selected to the second computer unit to receive the code (In Fig. 9 and In Col. 13 and 14).

Tokoro does not specifically show the second computer unit associated with a definition of active areas of the first computer touch screen areas when selected the first computer unit should return the code associated with the active area touched to the second computer unit.

Baldwin shows the second computer unit associated with a definition of active areas of the first computer touch screen areas when selected the first computer unit should return the code associated with the active area touched to the second computer unit 9in Fig.8 and I Col.9 lines 29-48) and a touch screen suggested as an input 9in col.6 lines 17). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention was made to allow the teaching multiple window of Baldwin's into the system of Tokoro because it would have provided information easily in an efficient manner using a touch screen so user would not have to use a mouse or keyboard.

As per claims 4,5,9,10 Tokoro shows computer having a remote control unit (element 201) that maps to an active area of the first computer screen.

As per claims 22,23,24,25-28,29,30 Tokoro shows first computer establishing a voice telephone connection with the information source (In fig.9 and In col.5 lines 47-50)

and second computer pushing information to the first computer via network (In Col.11 lines1-67).

As per claims 31,32,33 Tokoro shows telephone and network connection are wired or wireless channels (in Fig.9 and in Col.9, 10,11).

As per claims 35-39 Tokoro shows first and second computer with network connection and having a handset unit in wireless communication device having a numeric keypad which is mapped to the first computer (In Fig.9 and In Col.4, 5,6).

4. Claims 2,7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tokoro (U.S. Patent No. 6,349,324) in view of Baldwin et al., (U.S. patent No. 5,877,757) in further view of Chelliah (U.S. patent No. 5,710,887).

As per claims 2,7 combined system of Tokoro's and Baldwin's shows a first and second computer (In Fig.9).

The combined system of Tokoro's does not show a corresponding to a charge account and sends conformation to the first computer that the charge account information was received and a purchase of goods has been completed.

Chelliah shows a charge account and sends conformation to the first computer that the charge account information was received and a purchase of goods has been completed (In Col.6 and 7). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention was made to allow the teaching of Chelliah's into combined system of Tokoro's because it would have provided for an electronic assistant to assist a customer during interaction with the system to facilitate electronic transaction.

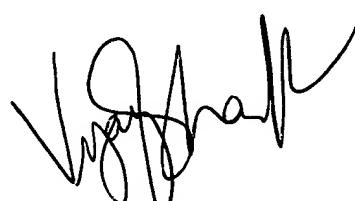
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin H Shalwala can be reached on 703-305-4938. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-308-9052 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-9618.

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